

I am honored to join his friends, family and colleagues in congratulating him on his retirement after 36 years of service to the people of New Jersey in making a real difference in my home state's conservation efforts.

Congratulations Tom and best of luck to you in your retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 575, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

BROTHER . . . BROTHER . . . COMBAT MEDIC SPC JEROD HEATH OSBORNE, UNITED STATES ARMY

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American family, and a fallen hero and his brother. On July 5, 2010, Combat Medic SPC Jerod Heath Osborne of Royce, Texas, of the 4/73 82nd Airborne, died during an IED explosion in Afghanistan. In his short life he was a combat medic, an Angel on the Battlefield, the ones who rush in while all around the face of hell is going on. The lives that he has saved in his brief but great life will be measured in the future, with children and heroes that he has saved. His brother SSG Wautash Grillett of the 10th Mountain Div. 1st Combat Team 2nd Batt. 22nd Infantry, on September 21 of that same year almost died in a mortar attack and is currently fighting to save his leg. This family, throughout the generations, has served our nation in the Armed Forces. As recently as the Vietnam war, their uncle James Carter gave his life in the name of freedom. The very bed of our Nation's freedom is built upon selfless families, our prayers and thoughts go out to them. SSG Grillett has said that his brother Jerod always wanted to be just like him, but now he wants to be like his brother.

BROTHER . . . BROTHER . . .

Brother . . . Brother . . .

My . . .

My Brother's Gift . . .

So very precious, as was this . . .

My Brother's Faith, shall forever so wave . . .

My Brother's life, one of such so sure selfless sacrifice . . .

All in his amazing grace . . .

My Brother's life, so very short . . . yet shines so bright!

Moments, are all we have!

To grab hearts, To Make A Difference . . . to Heaven rise!

As an Angel on The Battlefield . . .

As into the face of death Jerod, you so ran . . . and not to yield . . .

To but so save sacred life, as was your mission . . . as was his most divine light! From dusk to dawn, as a battlefield combat medic your courage worn!

As all around you Jerod, the face of death so swarmed!

And what child may be born?

All from your love Jerod, upon battlefields of honor adorned!

That might so save the world, who now lives on . . .

And all those lives you saved, just moments from the grave . . .

And what children, all on this morning will awake?

With but the greatest gift of all, in their hearts to take!

With a Mother or Father, a Sister or Brother whose fine lives you saved . . .

Brother . . . Brother, oh how it's for you I cry!

A promise I've made, as I wipe these tears from my eyes!

That I will live for you, each and every new day, every sunrise!

To the fullest! All in your fine name!

And if ever I have a new son, your name will be his . . . this one!

Brother . . . Brother . . . I am so very proud of you!

All in what you have done . . . oh yes it's true!

Only the good die young, as now you shine all up in Heaven's sun!

As an Angel In The Army of our Lord, with your new battle begun!

To watch over us, as Thy Will Be Done!

Brother . . . Brother . . .

All across Texas this night . . .

As we lay our heads down to rest, as comes a gentle rain . . .

As upon us, are but our Lord's tears to wash over us . . .

And so bless us, to so ease our pain!

As he cries for your most sacred sacrifice, this rain . . .

Brother . . . Brother . . . I cannot wait until up in Heaven we meet again . . .

And we won't have to cry anymore, all in this pain . . .

Brother, Brother, once you so wanted to be just like me . . .

Now, I'm the one who so wants . . . to be like you!

Brother . . . Brother . . . Amen . . .

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#### HONORING TERRI HEMMERT

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements in broadcasting of Chicago's own Terri Hemmert. Ms. Hemmert, who is already featured in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's "Rock and Radio" exhibit, was inducted into The Radio Hall of Fame on November 6, 2010.

Ms. Hemmert first fell in love with music after watching The Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show as a child in Piqua, Ohio. She began her career in broadcasting as a late night disc-jockey at WCMF in Rochester, New York, be-

fore returning to the Midwest and in 1973 joined the burgeoning progressive rock station WXRT in Chicago, where she has stayed for 37 years.

In 1981, Ms. Hemmert's career took off when she became Chicago's first female morning drive personality. The knowledge and love of the music she played, coupled with her infectious personality made Terri Hemmert one of the household names in the city's ring of FM broadcasters. As a renowned Beatles expert, she was the ideal candidate to host Chicago's Fest For Beatles Fans, a position she's held for 30 years.

Ms. Hemmert contributes to the City of Chicago in other vital ways. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Peace Museum, Facets Multimedia and many other non-profit organizations. She teaches the History of Rock and Soul at Columbia College Chicago and lends her expertise as an advisor to the student radio station.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Terri Hemmert and her extraordinary career, numerous contributions to gender equality in broadcasting and bringing joy to thousands of Chicagoans stuck in traffic on their morning commutes. I would like to congratulate Ms. Hemmert on a life of accomplishment with more sure to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MICHAEL REAGAN, AN ARTIST AND VIETNAM WAR VETERAN FROM EDMONDS, WASHINGTON

### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, all members of this body and indeed all Americans are united in the high esteem we have for the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in service to our country.

A constituent of mine provides a grand example in this regard. Mr. Michael Reagan, a portrait artist residing in Edmonds, Washington, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, and a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, has committed himself to providing surviving families with hand-drawn portraits of every man or woman killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. To date, Mr. Reagan has completed over 2,400 portraits of servicemembers.

These portraits make a difference. A wife of a fallen Marine wrote to Mr. Reagan, "I sit in the living room every day looking at the portrait you drew . . . It just brings me a little bit of peace because I feel like he's right there with me."

In honoring the dead and comforting the living, Mr. Reagan helps the families to hold their loved ones in their hearts forever and helps assure that our Nation will never forget the service they gave and the sacrifice they made. I believe we should reflect on Mr. Reagan's contribution and ask ourselves how we, too can continue to honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.